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IN A NEW AMENDMENT TO THE CIVIL STATUS LAW, WHICH HAS BEEN IN FORCE IN IRAQ SINCE 1959, IRAQI WOMEN HAVE BEEN GIVEN EQUAL RIGHTS TO SUE FOR DIVORCE AND SEPARATION ON LEGAL GROUNDS. THE NEW LAW GIVES A WOMAN THE RIGHT TO DIVORCE HER HUSBAND IF HE IS ABSENT FOR TWO YEARS OR MORE, OR IF HE IS IMPOTENT. THE LAW SETS THE MINIMUM LEGAL AGE FOR MARRIAGE AT 18 YEARS AND BANS FORCED MARRIAGES.

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